

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A container comprising:
 - a container body having an edge delimiting an aperture;
 - a rigid, removable protective element, said protective element being supported on said edge and forming a seal between said protective element and said edge, said protective element including a gripping element located on an outer surface of said protective element, said gripping element being of an elongated form and defining a Y axis; and
 - a tearing element being disposed at a location either along said Y axis or perpendicular to said Y axis, whereby when said protective element is attempted to be separated from said edge, said tearing element creates a tear in said seal so as to facilitate removal of said protective element from said edge.
2. A container according to claim 1, wherein said protective element is configured in the form of a cup, said protective element further including a raised peripheral edge, said raised peripheral edge being supported on said edge of said container body.
3. A container according to claim 2, wherein said gripping element has at least two sides, and wherein said tearing element is arranged in the vicinity of said peripheral edge of said protective element and along said Y axis on said two sides of said gripping element.
4. A container according to claim 1, wherein said protective element includes a peripheral edge supported on said edge of said container body, said gripping element has at least two sides, and wherein said tearing element is arranged in the vicinity of said peripheral edge of said protective element and along said Y axis on said two sides of said gripping element.

5. A container according to claim 1, wherein said protective element includes a peripheral edge supported on said edge of said container body, said gripping element has at least two sides, and wherein said tearing element is arranged in the vicinity of said peripheral edge of said protective element along an axis perpendicular to said Y axis on said two sides of said gripping element.

6. A container according to claim 2, wherein said gripping element has at least two sides, and wherein said tearing element is arranged in the vicinity of said peripheral edge of said protective element along an axis perpendicular to said Y axis on said two sides of said gripping element.

7. A container according to claim 3, wherein said tearing element is also arranged in the vicinity of said peripheral edge of said protective element along an axis perpendicular to said Y axis on said two sides of said gripping element.

8. A container according to claim 4, wherein said tearing element is also arranged in the vicinity of said peripheral edge of said protective element along an axis perpendicular to said Y axis on said two sides of said gripping element.

9. A container according to claim 1, wherein said protective element includes a peripheral edge, an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said at least one annular rib intended to be supported on said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

10. A container according to claim 2, wherein said protective element includes an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said at least one annular rib intended

to be supported on said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

11. A container according to claim 3, wherein said protective element includes an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said at least one annular rib intended to be supported on said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

12. A container according to claim 4, wherein said protective element includes an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said at least one annular rib intended to be supported on said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

13. A container according to claim 5, wherein said protective element includes an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said at least one annular rib intended to be supported on said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

14. A container according to claim 6, wherein said protective element includes an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said rib intended to be supported on said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

15. A container according to claim 7, wherein said protective element includes an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said rib intended to be supported on

said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

16. A container according to claim 8, wherein said protective element includes an internal surface and at least one annular rib in the vicinity of said peripheral edge on said internal surface, said rib intended to be supported on said edge, and wherein said tearing element includes at least one interrupted area of said at least one annular rib.

17. A container according to claim 9, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

18. A container according to claim 10, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

19. A container according to claim 11, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

20. A container according to claim 12, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

21. A container according to claim 13, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

22. A container according to claim 14, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

23. A container according to claim 15, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

24. A container according to claim 16, wherein said protective element comprises a plurality of annular, concentric ribs.

25. A container according to claim 1, wherein said protective element comprises a molded thermoplastic material.

26. A container according to claim 1, said container body is configured in the form of a pot.

27. A container according to claim 1, including a lid intended to seal said aperture in said container body.

28. A container according to claim 27, wherein when said lid is in the fitted position on said container body, said lid axially immobilizes said protective element.

29. A container according to claim 1, wherein said container is used for packaging a cosmetic product.